

**George Forbes Dickson** 

George known locally as 'Dodie Dickson' had a jewellers shop at 16 Duff Street, Macduff now Duguid the Bakers. As far as we know he volunteered to go to the First World War but was rejected due to his very small build; so small that he used to stand on a stool behind the counter. Between 1914 and 1919 he kept a note of all the men from Macduff who served and is said to have had lists on his wall inside the shop detailing deaths, wounded, prisoners of War, and those awarded medals for gallantry. His shop must have been the centre of the community during the war. It was his lists that in 1919 became the 'Roll of Honour' book which was printed by the Banffshire Journal.

#### What We Need From You

If you have any old photographs from WW1 we would like to see them and possibly add them to the re-published book. In particular we are looking for the following:

Macduff soldiers and seamen.

Drifters converted for naval duties.

We would also like to her any stories regarding:

Gallantry.
Prisoners of War.

We would also like to know a bit more about George Dickson, so if you have any information please let us know.

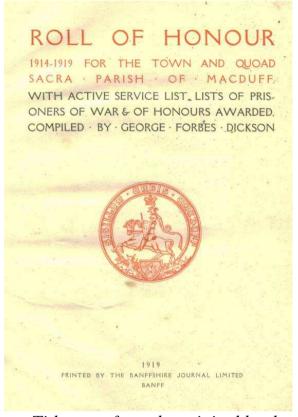
Any photographs will be considered for inclusion but we need them before the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2008, all originals will be digitally scanned and returned.

Committee meetings are held at Macduff Town Hall on the first Monday of the month from 7pm to 8pm and anyone is welcome to attend.

# **Interested - please contact:**

Stanley Bruce, Chairman 07770 780232 Jean Langham, Treasurer 01261 818298

### **Roll Of Honour**



Title page from the original book.

We will also have a display related to WW1 and this book (Alongside other themes) in the Macduff Town Hall.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1pm to 5pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 7pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 5pm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008. 1pm to 5pm

There you will be able to buy a copy of the re-published book which will cost £5.00 approx.

## Aims Of The Association As Per Our Constitution

- (1) To preserve and display artefacts and items of interest relating to the maritime heritage in the Banffshire coastal area.
- (2) To promote and raise awareness of the importance of our maritime heritage through exhibitions, events, lectures, demonstrations, and other relevant avenues.
- (3) To provide information, training or education relating to the maritime environment and heritage of the area.
- To perpetuate the skills and craftsmanship of traditional boat building in theory and practice by practical demonstrations and education.
- (5) To preserve the practical skills of and repair through rope net demonstration and education.

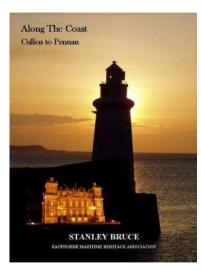
# History **Exhibitions Held To Date**

2003	10 days, Banff
2004	6 weeks, Macduff
2005	No exhibition
2006	3.5 Months, Macduff
2007	5 Months, Macduff

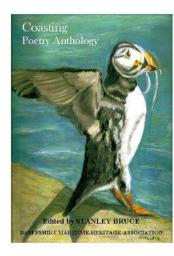
4 days, Macduff

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#### **Books Published To Date**



Along The Coast - Cullen to Pennan. ISBN 978-0-9547960-4-4. Published 2007 - Price £5.99.



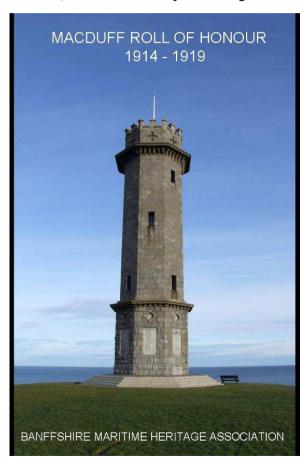
Coasting Poetry Anthology ISBN 978-0-9547960-5-1. Published 2007 - Price £3.99. Both books are available at Chapter & Verse, Low St, Banff.

Leaflet design - Stanley Bruce

The men of Macduff played their part in WW1 with 150 of them losing their lives. 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 is 90 years since the armistice and we intend to republish a book written George **Forbes** by



Dickson, and we need your help.



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